

REMARKS

The presently filed amendment is a refiling of an amendment which was transmitted via fax to phone no. 703-872-9326 on August 8, 2003 and a copy was retransmitted on August 18, 2003. The presently filed version differs from the previous version in that the claim status identifiers have been changed to comply with the practice change that became mandatory on July 30, 2003. No changes have been made to the claim language or the substantive remarks. Accordingly, if a previous version of this amendment has been entered, the present version paper may be destroyed.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 35-80 and 82-101 were presented for examination. Independent claims 88-91 were rejected under 35 USC §101 for failing to describe a concrete, useful and tangible output.

The Office Action has been most carefully studied. In this amendment applicant has canceled claims 88-91 *without prejudice*.

For the record, Applicant believes the canceled claims either meet the statutory requirements for patentable subject matter or may require only minor amendment to meet the requirements. Applicant accordingly reserves the right to pursue their subject matter in a continuation application. As a result of this amendment, Claims 35-80, 82-87 and 92-101 are now pending. There being no outstanding rejections, claims 35-80, 82-87 and 92-101 are believed clearly in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and the discussion relating thereto, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is most earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's representative would be helpful in the advancement

of the prosecution, he is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

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